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Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 36th and 39th meetings, on 9 May and 13 June 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/70/613);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/70/766);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/742/Add.5).

[1] A/C.5/70/SR.36 and A/C.5/70/SR.39.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.43

4. At its 39th meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (A/C.5/70/L.43), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Yotam Goren (Israel), on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the Vice-Chair of the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.43 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1925 (2010) of 28 May 2010, by which the Council decided that, as from 1 July 2010, the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo would bear the title "United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo", and recalling also the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2277 (2016) of 30 March 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 March 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 69/297 of 25 June 2015,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/___ of ___ 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2016, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 512.2 million United States dollars, representing some 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with

[1] A/70/613 and A/70/766.
[2] A/70/742/Add.5.

concern that only 15 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Takes note* of paragraphs 30, 62 and 63 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 33 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish one National Professional Officer post and two United Nations Volunteer positions;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the efforts to improve the security of communications in the Mission;

12. *Notes* the planned presidential election, and requests the Secretary-General to provide technical assistance and logistical support for the revision of the electoral register pursuant to the mandate of the Mission and to report thereon in the context of the next budget submission;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit at the second part of the resumed seventy-first session of the General Assembly a proposal on options for administrative arrangements for the Entebbe Support Base and the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, with a view to delivering efficiencies and avoiding duplication and overlap of efforts;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/___;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

16. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to improve the transparency of future Mission budget proposals, including on the staffing structure, mission support and operational needs, with a view to ensuring an adequate level of resources for the effective and efficient discharge of the Mission's mandate;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

17. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015;[3]

18. *Decides* to reduce the commitment authority in the amount of 27,646,200 dollars, approved for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 under the terms of its resolution 69/297 of 25 June 2015, by the amount of 7,935,800 dollars, to the amount of 19,710,400 dollars, as a result of which the total resources approved for the maintenance and operation of the Mission for the period will amount to 1,416,746,400 dollars, equal to expenditures incurred by the Mission during the same period;

19. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the additional amount of 19,710,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 for the maintenance of the Mission, taking into account the amount of 1,397,036,000 dollars previously approved for the Mission under the terms of its resolution 68/287 of 30 June 2014;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

20. *Decides* to finance the amount of 19,710,400 dollars, representing the difference between the amount of 1,397,036,000 dollars already apportioned under the terms of resolution 68/287 for the maintenance of the Mission and the actual expenditure of 1,416,746,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, from a portion of the other income in the amount of 28,217,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

21. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 1,310,269,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, inclusive of 1,235,723,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 53,665,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 13,031,100 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 7,850,600 dollars for the Regional Service Centre;

Financing of the appropriation

22. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 982,702,350 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 31 March 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2016 and 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

[3] A/70/613.

23. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 25,694,325 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 21,112,950 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 3,444,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 710,475 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 426,600 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

24. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 327,567,450 dollars for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2017, at a monthly rate of 109,189,150 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

25. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 8,564,775 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 7,037,650 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,148,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 236,825 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 142,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

26. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, the amount of 8,506,700 dollars, representing the remaining part of other income in the amount of 28,217,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

27. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations the amount of 8,506,700 dollars, representing the remaining part of other income in the amount of 28,217,100 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 26 above;

28. *Decides* that the increase of 7,991,200 dollars in estimated staff assessment income, representing the difference between the estimated staff assessment income of 24,664,500 dollars approved for the Mission under the terms of resolution 68/287 and the actual staff assessment income of 32,655,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2015, shall be added to the credits in the amount of 8,506,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 26 and 27 above;

29. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

30. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

31. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

32. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".